Polytechnic in Orissa

4138. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government sanctioned nine polytechnics to meet technical power shortage in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of financial and other help that is proposed to be given by the Centre to this backward State for development of infrastructure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The proposal for establishment of new polytechnics and infrastructure development in existing polytechnics in Special Identified Districts is under active consideration. As and when the same is approved, necessary action shall be initiated.

Provision of free computer to students of Navodaya Vidyalayas

†4139. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Intel Company is going to provide free personal computers to the students of Navodaya Vidyalayas with a view to promote technical education;

(b) if so, whether Government have received any proposal from the above said company in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of schools alongwith the details of classes and the students who will be provided with computers in the first phase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Intel Technology India Private Limited has proposed to Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti to provide 63 computers to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Faridabad (Haryana), free of cost, for use of students of the school. No particular class or student has been identified for the purpose.

Legislation to stop ragging

4140. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have planned to introduce any legislation to stop and ban ragging at every level of education; and

(b) if not, the steps Government are taking to bring ragging to zero per cent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The provisions of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, apply to all offences, punishable under the Code, whether committed by way of ragging or otherwise. The Supreme Court of India had constituted a Committee under Dr. R.K. Raghavan to suggest measures to check incidents of ragging and suicide in the educational institutions. The Committee has since submitted its report to the Hon'ble Supreme Court for consideration

Outflow of IIT/IIM pass-outs

4141. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that despite spending Rs. 10 lac per student in IIT/IIM, only less than 5 per cent end up doing what they are best trained to do with many of them heading westwards;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that India turns out around 16,500 Ph. Ds per annum as compared to 45,000 in US, and a large part of them are of Asian origin, particularly from India and China; and